

Technology today allows for clearer television video, surround sound, and soon, 3-D enhancements. All of this, and nothing decent to watch. Public Television appears to have the ONLY redeeming qualities worthy of ANYONE's time.

I see an endless array of sit-coms, "reality-tv", cops-n-robbers, etc., all with very poorly written scripting.

An item worthy of mention could possibly be the promotion of a Federal mandate, forcing networks to transmit educationally-based television programming weeknights during primetime hours. Say, 5:00 news, science/history/etc. programming until 10:00, then 10:00 news, more such programming until midnight.

Citizens spend a fair amount of money for televisions, and associated equipment. Many pay for cable/dish services, only to see so much more of what they don't wish to see, and very little of what they would like to see.

Children are being consumed by ideotic video games for entertainment. I have watched these very children sit quietly, politely, totally engrossed in a "Nova" or "Scientific American" program. Not to mention "Unsolved Mysteries", or the old Nimoy "In Search Of" series.

I am happy to report that these such programs still exist, though scarcely shown. But they DO leave families in good discussion afterward. I do not see this enthusiasm after sitcoms.

We are at a juncture in history, where we can make this medium into a worthy tool for social learning and idea conveyance. A medium worthy of thousands of dollars spent on equipment. Worthy of engineering development.

Or, we can do nothing, and watch our children's and neighbors' brains rot into stupified uselessness.

The FCC has its place, and its assigned powers. To do good. Russell D. Emerson - A citizen favoring improved programming practices.